

## **§ 967.61**

season, with explanations therefor, and recommendations as to the rate of assessment for such fiscal year.

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### **§ 967.61 Assessment and requirements for payment.**

Each first handler shall pay to the committee upon demand, his pro rata share of the expenses authorized by the Secretary for each marketing year. Each handler's pro rata share shall be the rate of assessment per unit fixed by the Secretary times the total assessable units of celery which he handles. At any time during or after a marketing year, the Secretary may increase the rate of assessment as necessary to cover authorized expenses. The payment of expenses and assessments for the maintenance and functioning of the committee may be required during periods when no regulations are in effect.

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### **§ 967.62 Accounting.**

At the end of a fiscal year, funds in excess of such year's expenses may be placed in an operating reserve not to exceed approximately one marketing year's operational expenses or such lower limits as the committee, with the approval of the Secretary, may establish. Funds in such reserve shall be available for use by the committee for expenses authorized pursuant to § 967.40. Funds in excess of those necessary to pay expenses and those placed in the operating reserve shall be refunded pro rata to handlers from whom such funds were collected.

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### **§ 967.63 Contributions.**

The committee may accept voluntary contributions but these shall only be used to pay expenses incurred pursuant to § 967.44. Furthermore, such contributions shall be free from any encumbrances by the donor and the committee shall retain complete control of their use.

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### **REPORTS AND RECORDS**

#### **§ 967.70 Reports.**

Upon request of the committee, with the approval of the Secretary, each producer and handler shall furnish to the committee such reports and information as may be necessary to enable it to exercise its powers and perform its duties under this part. Such reports may include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

(a) Reports by any or all handlers on the number of crates of harvested celery purchased from or handled on behalf of any or all producers during any prior or current season;

(b) Reports by any or all producers on the number of crates of harvested celery sold by such producers during any prior or current season or the current quantities available for sale by such producers;

(c) Reports by any or all producers on the number of crates of harvested celery sold to or through any or all handlers during any prior or current period.

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#### **§ 967.71 Records.**

Each producer and handler shall maintain and make available upon request, such records pertaining to celery handled by him as will substantiate the reports required by the committee. All such records shall be maintained for not less than one year after the termination of the marketing season to which such records relate.

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#### **§ 967.72 Verification of reports and records.**

For the purpose of assuring compliance with record keeping requirements and verifying reports of producers and handlers, the Secretary and the committee, through its duly authorized employees, shall have access to any premises where applicable records are maintained, where celery is handled, and at any time during reasonable business hours shall be permitted to inspect such producer and handler premises and any and all records of such